

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were previously pending in the application. By the Amendment, Claims 2, 4-5, 9-12 and 16-18 are currently amended, Claims 1, 15, 19 and 20 are canceled without prejudice, and Claims 3, 6-8, 13 and 14 remain unchanged.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 10-14 include allowable subject matter.

Allowable original Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 10 is allowable. Dependent Claims 2-9 and 16-18 depend from independent Claim 10 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Allowable original Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 11 is allowable.

Allowable original Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim. Therefore, newly-independent Claim 12 is allowable. Dependent Claims 13 and 14 depend from independent Claim 12 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of Claims 2-14 and 16-18 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Respectfully submitted,



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